

Remarks

Claims 1-7 and 9-14 were pending.

Claims 2, 3 and 11 are canceled.

Claims 1, 4-6, 12 and 13 are amended.

Claims 1, 4-7 and 9, 10 and 12-14 are now pending.

Claim 1 is amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 2 and 3. The list of pigments is from the specification, page 2, first full paragraph.

Claim 4 is amended to be independent. Support is found in the paragraph bridging pages 2 and 3 of the specification. Claim 4 is also amended to name the pigments as in claim 1.

Claims 5 and 12 are amended to require the presence of an anionic dye and to list the anionic dyes. Support is found on page 3 of the disclosure, last paragraph.

Claims 6 and 13 are amended to require the presence of an auxiliary. The binders are now termed "additional binders". Support is found in the disclosure, page 4, first paragraph. Claims 6 and 13 are otherwise made more clear.

No new matter is added.

Claims 1-7 and 9-14 are rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, for reasons of record.

Applicants submit that in light of the present amendments, that these rejections are addressed and are overcome.

Claims 1, 4-7 and 9 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Grob, et al., CA 2214210.

Claim 1 is amended to include the limitations of original claims 2 and 3.

Claim 4 is amended to include the limitation of claim 2. The present pigments are distinct from the pigments disclosed in Grob. The pigments of Grob are described in the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 therein.

Claims 2 and 10-14 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Grob.

These rejections are overcome by amendment.

Claims 1-7 and 9-14 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Luebke, et al., U.S. Pat. No. 5,800,870 in view of Grob.

Luebke is cited as disclosing the binders of original claim 3. Luebke cites inorganic pigments such as clay, calcium carbonate, etc., col. 5, lines 50-54. Grob is cited as disclosing organic pigments. The present organic pigments of claims 1 and 4 are distinct from those of Grob. The limitations of the present claims are not met by this combination of references.

Applicants submit that these references are overcome by amendment.

Claims 1, 2, 5-6 and 12-13 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Perry, et al., U.S. 2003/0047118.

Applicants submit that these rejections are overcome by amendment.

Claims 1, 2, 5-6 and 12-13 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Frieling, et al., U.S. 2003/0092833.

Applicants submit that these rejections are addressed and are overcome by amendment.

Claims 1-2, 5-6 and 12-13 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP59-089373.

Applicants submit that these rejections are overcome by amendment.

In view of the present amendments and the above remarks, Applicants submit that each of the claim rejections is addressed and is overcome.

The Examiner is kindly requested to reconsider and to withdraw the present rejections.

Further, Applicants submit that the outstanding success of the present invention could not have been expected based on any combination of the cited art. The outstanding success is demonstrated in the present working Examples on pages 5-13. PENSIZ 730 is a binder of present claim 1. Samples with PENSIZ 730 exhibit excellent bleed fastness across a range of pigments. Dow DL-950 L is a latex binder of present claim 4. Samples with Dow DL-950 L also exhibit excellent bleed fastness across a range of pigments.

Information Disclosure

Applicants filed an Information Disclosure Statement on January 10, 2006 which does appear to be in the PAIR system for this application. Said IDS has not been considered by the Examiner. This is probably due to the fact that this application was mistakenly assigned a different serial No. upon filing and the IDS was originally misplaced by the PTO.

Applicants re-submit the IDS and kindly request that the Examiner indicate that each reference is considered by returning an initialed copy of form PTO 1449.

It is believed that no fee is required to enter this IDS. If any fee is required the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any necessary fee or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 03-1935.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Petition for a 2 month extension of time
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